

INTER-ISLAND BOAT SUNK IN MAUI WATERS

Hamakua, An Inferno of Flame, Sinks With Loss of Two Men

WITH the loss of two lives and a property loss which will run into the hundreds of thousands, the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company's freight steamer Hamakua blew up and sunk in the Alalakeiki Channel, between Maui and Kahoolawe, yesterday morning shortly after four o'clock.

The dead are Chief Officer George Nystrom, of 1114 Gulick Avenue, Honolulu, and Boatswain Kaiiki. There are thirty-seven survivors, including officers and crew, all of whom were landed at Keoneio, Maui, at seven o'clock yesterday morning, over an hour after their vessel had disappeared.

EXPLOSION DROVE CREW OFF

From the discovery of the fire until the sinking of the vessel only a comparatively short time elapsed, the crew being driven to the boats within a few minutes of the first explosion.

Captain Carl Wichert and his crew will arrive this morning from Lahaina, his story having been sent out by wireless last night to The Advertiser by its Maui correspondent.

The dispatches to the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company yesterday were confined to a single wireless in the morning telling of the disaster, giving the casualties—without names—and the fact that the survivors had landed at Keoneio.

CARRIED CARGO OF EXPLOSIVES

The Hamakua left Honolulu about five o'clock Tuesday afternoon for her customary ports on Hawaii, which include Laupahoehoe, Paailo and other points on the Hamakua coast. She is an irregular vessel carrying freight only, and habitually takes explosives of which a large quantity was on board when she caught fire yesterday morning.

She was off Makana shortly before four o'clock yesterday morning, the run to that point being just short of ninety-six miles. The fire was not discovered until Makana had been passed, Chief Officer Nystrom then being officer on watch. Captain Wichert had turned in a few minutes before. Nystrom notified Wichert at once that the vessel was afire forward, and the vessel was stopped on Wichert's orders.

NEVER SEEN AGAIN

Leaving Wichert to dress Nystrom marshalled the crew and went forward to direct the fight against the flames. He was not seen again.

While he was dressing, stated Wichert yesterday at Lahaina, there was a violent explosion forward that blew off the hatches. The ship at once became a mass of flames, the explosion hurling the fire throughout the vessel and all parts catching simultaneously.

Wichert went on deck without waiting longer. The crew had been driven back and were already at work on the boats. The danger was increased by the successive explosions of gasoline drums on the forward deck, each of which scattered the burning fluid broadcast, creating an inferno in which nothing could live. In the midst of this the crew abandoned the vessel and pulled off.

IMPOSSIBLE TO DO ANYTHING

It was impossible to do anything. They could not even approach the ship. The men were checked and it was found that Nystrom and Kaiiki were missing. Captain Wichert believes that both men were stunned by the explosion, if not killed outright. The former event meant quick death, in any case.

The cause of the fire remains a complete mystery to Captain Wichert and his officers. Nystrom's testimony is lost by his death. The vessel's destruction was hastened, the master believes, by the possibility that the hull was opened by the first terrific explosion, for she sank within a short time after being abandoned.

FIRE SEEN FROM MAKANA

The burning ship was sighted almost immediately from the shore, Mrs. J. H. Raymond, wife of Doctor Raymond, reporting the disaster by telephone from the Raymond Ranch, Makana. The Inter-Island steamer Claudine and Mikahala were turned around to the Hamakua's assistance, but she was at the bottom long before they could have reached the spot.

The news reached Honolulu yesterday morning in time to permit Marine Superintendent William McKay to take the Mauna Kea out for Lahaina at ten o'clock, and he met the returning crew. Except that they would return this morning to Honolulu, stated President J. A. Kennedy last night; nothing had been heard from them by the company.

AN OLD-TIME EMPLOYEE

George Nystrom was one of the three oldest employees of the company in point of service, having been connected with it for over twenty-five years. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Amelia Nystrom, of Gulick Avenue and by his step-son, Wallace J. ("Bob") Lillis, examiner of chauffeurs. He was fifty years of age and rated as an efficient mariner.

The Hamakua has been in the Inter-Island service for eighteen months having been purchased from a California concern, and her name changed from "Shoshone." She was nine years old, having been laid down at Fairhaven, California, in 1908. She was a wooden vessel, 175 feet long with a 38-foot beam. Her engines were rated for 550-horsepower and she had a net registered tonnage of 646.

The officials of the company would not make a statement as to her probable worth yesterday but believe that they cannot replace her at the present market price of vessels, under two hundred thousand dollars. She is insured within the company.

This is the second severe loss to the company this season, the passenger steamer Maui, while alternating on the Kona and Kau route having gone on the rocks of the Kona coast and eventually having broken up. The other disaster was particularly serious inasmuch as it disrupted the passenger schedule and required that the only reserve vessel of the fleet, the Kilaua, be put in active commission. The present loss vastly complicates the freight problems of the company inasmuch as the Hamakua was carrying explosives for the entire North Hawaii coast ports practically exclusively, and was a large factor in Hamakua trade. Sugar movements will also be affected.

VILLA APPEARS CLOSE TO BORDER

His Bandits Capture Ojinaca Again and Border Patrol Is Recommended

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
PRESIDIO DEL NORTE, Texas, May 31.—The Mexican town of Ojinaca, just across the Rio Grande from here, was captured yesterday by 2500 Villistas who attacked the place unexpectedly and drove out the Carranza garrison. Fifty of the government troops made their escape by plunging into the river and swimming across to the American side. Sixteen were killed and six wounded.
Paseo Villa is reported as being present again with his army of bandits and the border guards of the United States are again on their patrol work, guarding against possible forays.
Refugees who arrived here yesterday from the south reported that Villa was personally in command of a force that defeated a body of government troops fifty miles south of here last Tuesday.

SUBMARINE TOLL IS GETTING SMALL

Destruction of German Raiders Is Proceeding At Satisfactory Rate, Says Carson

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
LONDON, May 31.—Official reports of the submarine losses during the past week are regarded as satisfactory. The number of merchantmen sunk by the undersea ships for the seven days is eighteen over 1000 tons, with one more merchant ship under that tonnage and one sinking vessel.
The efforts of the Allies to check the German submarine menace and free England of the food and supplies blockade are gaining steadily, according to the announcement.

With the coming of the summer months, the long days and the calm weather, the Allies are better enabled to hunt down the murderous divers.
Two battles between aeroplanes, the Associated Press correspondent reports, were fought yesterday at the unprecedented height of nineteen thousand feet. In another air battle the pilot of a British machine, having exhausted the ammunition for his machine gun, hurled his plane upon his antagonist and shot the latter with his revolver.

MANY SUBMARINES SUNK

LONDON, May 31.—The following is an official statement of the proceedings of the secret session of the house of commons today:

"Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, said he welcomed instructions to criticism, but deprecated attacks sometimes made for interested motives upon officers of the navy outside of the House. He related some recent feats of gallantry and resource on the part of our patrols which had accounted for German submarines. He expressed a wish that he could publish every one of them and explained why in the higher interests of the war it was desirable to refrain.
"He described the vast area over which the operations of the navy were daily and hourly carried on and asked that trifling incidents should be criticized with a true sense of their perspective. He gave information about the activity and ability in organization of the anti-submarine warfare, the co-operation of the naval air service with coast patrols and the attention being given to mercantile ship building.
"The tonnage losses of the Allies and neutrals for each of the last three months were given to the house. Sir Edward declined to alter the form in which the weekly losses are made public, which he said had been agreed upon among the Allies. In conclusion he dwelt upon the great advantages to be derived from the adherence of the United States to the Allied cause.
"Winston Spencer Churchill referred with satisfaction to the chief features of the debate, and although he said he was not wholly convinced by the Prime Minister's speech, he thought that the demand for a secret sitting had been well justified.
"The premier, Mr. Lloyd George, gave some figures on the food reserves in the country and again, while expressing a favorable view of the general situation, urged the great importance of the most extensive cultivation of the land. The report on the committee's resolution was agreed to unanimously, and the House adjourned."

POLISH GOVERNMENT IN A TANGLE; COUNCIL QUILTS

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
COPENHAGEN, May 30.—It is reported here that the provisional council of the State of Poland has resigned. It has been pressing for the appointment of a regent, under the German government, and the regularization of the government, as the Polish national council had passed a resolution of lack of confidence.

SHORTEST SENTENCE FOR MANSLAUGHTER

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
SELMA, Alabama, May 31.—The shortest prison sentence ever imposed by any court was given yesterday to Policeman Black, convicted of killing a negro woman he was attempting to arrest.

Black was sentenced to serve one second. He served it.

DESPERATE WAR IN AIR BEING FOUGHT ALONG WESTERN FRONT

Two Battles Decided At Unprecedented Height of Nineteen Thousand Feet, In Which British Drive Foes To Death

GERMAN LOSSES ARE UP IN THE HUNDREDS

Allies Control of the Situation Shown In the Almost Nightly Raids Which They Make Far Back of the German Lines

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
NEW YORK, May 31.—Aerial fighting on the western front has not been affected by the lull in the general offensive on the British and French, but on the contrary is at present the most desperate of the war, according to a striking account by the correspondent of the Associated Press at the British front.

Night and day, the correspondent says, the battle in the air goes on, the airman of the opposing armies performing the most sensational feats ever witnessed in their daring efforts to gain the advantage. The air is full constantly of diving, circling, and churning, and the air is full of the sound of machine guns and bullets, those of each side determined to gain and hold the mastery of the upper regions and blind the eyes of the opposing army.
Miles Above the Ground.
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STOCKHOLM, Sweden, May 31.—United States Minister Elkus, with his family and a large party of Americans, has left Constantinople, according to advices received here yesterday by United States Minister Ira Nelson Morris.

Mr. Elkus' departure from the Turkish capital was not unexpected, in view of the attitude of the Turkish government toward the United States. Turkey, although she has not formally declared war, has formally announced that she will stand with her ally, Germany, in the latter's attitude toward America.

Turkey has already demonstrated her hostility to the United States when she interned the gunboat Scorpion, which was the American station boat at Constantinople, by subjecting the officers and crew to gross indignities before allowing them to leave the country.

PATRIOTISM SHOWN IN EVERY SECTION

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
WASHINGTON, May 31.—Reports from all over the nation state that the patriotism displayed in yesterday's Memorial Day services has not been equalled on any such occasion since the time of the Spanish-American War. The reports from North, South, East and West agree in attributing a greater significance to yesterday's observance than has been noted for years.

President Wilson delivered a notable Memorial Day address at Arlington, in which he said that "America has once more the opportunity to show the world that she was born to serve mankind."
He declared that he viewed the day with sorrow, as he envied those who had fought in the Civil War and given their object lesson of true patriotism to the world. The great struggle into which America has now entered, he emphasized, is an American struggle, because it is the struggle of men who love liberty everywhere.

STRIKING MINERS RIOT AND TROOPS ARE CALLED

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
JEROME, Arizona, May 31.—Mining officials here today sent a request to the Governor asking for troops to assist in restoring order in this city. As the result of a strike order, 15,500 miners left their posts and rioting and general disorder followed.

CHAMBERLAIN'S PAIN BALM

A touch of rheumatism, or a twinge of neuralgia, whatever the trouble is, Chamberlain's Pain Balm drives away the pain at once and cures the complaint quickly. First application gives relief. When a bottle of it is kept in the house the pain of burns and bruises quickly healed and swellings promptly reduced. In fact, for the household ill, it is just such an embolism as every family should provide with. For sale by all Dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., Agents for Hawaii.

HAVE MONEY BUT NO PATRIOTISM

Mexican Border Witnessing Exodus of Cowards, Fleeing Before Draft Prospect

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
LAREDO, Texas, May 31.—Cowards, whose southern didn't raise them to be soldiers, are fleeing across the border into Mexico to escape registration and the possibility of being drafted for service in the American army.
Thousands along the Mexican border are fleeing southward, with young Americans with plenty of money and little courage who have gathered on the line to escape doing their duty.
From fifteen to twenty young Americans, costing money and disloyalty at every pore, reach here every day and hasten over into Mexico. Investigation has disclosed the fact that they are slackers.

NEBRASKA WILL DEAL WITH SLACKERS

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
LINCOLN, Nebraska, May 31.—Slackers are going to fare hard in Nebraska. A special grand jury has been called, to convene June 6, to indict registration slackers.

June 5 has been set by President Wilson as the day when all men liable under the new army law for military service must register their names with the city or county clerk. They are going to live up to the law in this city or the federal authorities are going to know the reason why not.

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Only the Schoolhouse Left Standing In Mineral Point, Missouri

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
ST. LOUIS, Missouri, May 31.—Five are dead, thirty are seriously injured and more are slightly injured as the result of a tornado which swept across a portion of the St. Louis area yesterday afternoon, completely wiping out the town of Mineral Point, a community of fifty-five hundred people. Of the town, which is about fifty miles southeast of here, in Washington County, not a building remains standing except the school house.

This was the only community within the section devastated by the tornado, which blew with such force that two coaches of the Iron Mountain train were blown off the track and upset, killing the conductor and the flagman.

ZIONISTS SEE CHANCE FOR JEWISH REPUBLIC

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
NEW YORK, May 31.—A convention of representative Jews of the United States has been called to meet in Baltimore on June 24 to consider a plan for the establishment of an independent Jewish Republic in Palestine, the promoters of the plan having received more or less direct assurances from the British government that such a Republic would meet with British support and that the British occupation of Palestine would be withdrawn in its favor.

AMERICAN ENGINEERS SOON TO REACH FRENCH FRONT

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PARIS, May 30.—The United States commission of engineers, which has arrived to study war conditions, will soon leave for the front.

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RUSSIA FACES DISASTER SAYS FOOD MINISTER IN AN APPEAL

Backs Up Request of Soldiers At the Front That More Munitions Be Forwarded In Order To Hold Back the Nation's Enemies

PEASANTS SUSPICIOUS AND DANGER GRAVE

Petrograd Learns That Guards Placed Over Czar and Czarina Have Slackened Their Vigilance and Escape Was Possible

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
PETROGRAD, May 31.—With the soldiers at the front appealing to their comrades on the farms and in the factories to speed up production in order that a vigorous and successful warfare might be maintained against the nation's foes, the confusion throughout the country persists, with agrarian troubles widespread. To such an extent does this confusion that Food Minister Peshchenev issued an appeal to the producers yesterday, stating that Russia is on the eve of a great disaster unless the population is prepared for greater self-sacrifice.

The entire country is in a state of turmoil and unrest. The peasants are suspicious of paper money and demand raw materials and iron implements in exchange for their produce. The supply of iron and grain available is insufficient for the army and fears are expressed that unless the deficiency is remedied at once a great disaster will overwhelm the troops and Russia will receive a blow from which she will with difficulty recover.

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PACIFICISTS OF NEW YORK CALL FOR THE PEACE TERMS EARLY

Want Administration To Announce Immediately Just What America Aims At and Make Allied Nations Also Speak Up

ANTI-CONSCRIPTION MOVEMENT LAUNCHED

Two of the Principal Leaders At the Peace Convention Were Prominently Connected With That Scheme of Mr. Ford

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
NEW YORK, May 31.—Resolutions favoring an early, democratic, general peace, and urging upon the administration at Washington to immediately announce America's aims in the war were passed by a conference composed of "labor representatives, pacifists, Socialists and religious workers," held last night, the promoters of the gathering styling it "the first American conference for democracy's terms of peace."

The resolution also urged upon President Wilson that he "make the other allies also declare the terms upon which they are willing to conclude a peace with Germany."
Arrangements for this conference were begun secretly about two weeks ago, when telegraphic invitations were sent out broadcast from the headquarters of the Emergency Peace Federation. The telegram read as follows:
"Opposition To Conscription
"Strong group representing labor, socialism, peace, religion, politics, peace first, American conference for democracy and terms of peace, New York, May 30. Basis of invitation to be acceptable in principle of following: Speedy and universal peace, no indemnities, no annexations, no foreign alliance, international organization after the war, statement of terms by our government, opposition to conscription, democratization of diplomacy, defense of free speech and press, opposition to lowering industrial standards, heavy taxes of war industries and incomes."
Two members of the Ford Peace Party were among the four to sign this telegram. L. P. Lougher, the secretary in charge of the convention, was secretary of the Ford Peace Commission. Miss Emily Greene Balch, another signer, was a member of the Permanent Peace Commission, being supported by Ford at Stockholm, who came home to urge the United States not to enter the war.

RACE RIOTS STILL IN EAST ST. LOUIS

Negro Shot and Others Mauled By a Hoodlum Crowd

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
EAST ST. LOUIS, Illinois, May 31.—Another negro was shot and wounded and two more were badly beaten by a mob of fifty persons in a renewal of the race riot which broke out here Monday and which had previously resulted in the serious wounding of three whites and three negroes. The national guard troops, who have been on duty since Monday, dispersed the mob. No property damage was done in the renewal of the rioting.

THOUSANDS OF GOLFERS IN RED CROSS TOURNEY

Monster Benefit Nets Eighty Thousand Dollars

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
NEW YORK, May 31.—The Red Cross Benefit Tournament which was held throughout the East yesterday under the auspices of eighty golf clubs, netted in the neighborhood of \$80,000. It was stated that this will be sufficient to equip and provide for fifty ambulances. Ninety thousand golfers participated in the monster benefit.